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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CANADA RELUCTANT TO RESUME CAMBODIA ICC ROLE

AN OFFICIAL OF THE CANADIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS TOLD EMBASSY OTTAWA THAT CANADA IS VERY RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED AGAIN IN A CEASEFIRE SUPERVISORY ROLE IN CAMBODIA. CANADA FEELS THAT THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENT IS NOW UNSUITABLE AS A BASIS FOR A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM, THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE MANDATE FOR THE 1954 AGREEMENT CAN BE STRETCHED TO COVER THE NEW SITUATION, AND THAT CANADA IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN A NEW CAMBODIA AGREEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) OTTAWA 1652, 7/18.

2. FRENCH PROPOSE LINKING TRADE AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS

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A SENIOR EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO OUR

MISSION IN BRUSSELS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE PROPOSED TO

THE COMMUNITY THAT THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE MONETARY RELATIONSHIPS PREVAILING AFTER THE MARCH REALIGNMENTS ARE RESTORED. THE FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT AS THE OTHER EC MEMBERS FEEL THIS POSITION IS UNREASONABLE SINCE IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE RECENT DM REVALUATION WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDONE, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH CONCERN IS OBVIOUSLY THE DOLLAR. THE OFFICIAL DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH POSITION WOULD PREVAIL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 4070, 7/18.

3. EC CONCERNED OVER US AGRICULTURAL EXPORT CONTROLS

EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS HAS EXPRESSED TO OUR MISSION IN BRUSSELS THE GRAVE VIEW THE COMMUNITY TAKES OF THE WORLD SHORTAGE OF PROTEIN AND THE US EXPORT CONTROLS. LARDINOIS NOTED THE THESIS CURRENT IN THE EC THAT THE WORLD HAS MOVED FROM A SURPLUS TO A SCARCITY IN BASIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST PROTECT ITSELF AS BEST IT CAN IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD. HE ALSO CITED THE DANGER THAT THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM AS WE KNOW IT WOULD BE DEFORMED OR DESTROYED IF THE SHORT-TERM US EMERGENCY ACTION SHOULD BECOME THE PATTERN FOR THE LONGER TERM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 4086, 7/18. RUSH

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